



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEK COMMENCING 4th February 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Masses today: 9am *Maureen Wildash RIP* & 10.30am *Parish & People*
(Readings: Jb 7 1-4 6-7, Ps 146, 1Co 9:16-19 22-23, Mk 1:29-39)

There are no Masses during the week

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10am weekday Masses and on request

Anniversaries – RIP: Milalda Somerville; Dorothea Foster-Bone; Sarah Oates

A warm welcome to our visitors

Today:

Dates:

Please pray for the sick and/or housebound including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Mary Silcox, Helen Revins, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Oscar Kennedy, Fred Brooks & Sheila Liggins

Children's Liturgy There will be Children's Liturgy in the Upper Rooms during the 10.30am Mass today. (*N.B. Any children under 4 must be accompanied by an appropriate adult who is responsible for them.*)

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome. Please will any parishioners who can take a turn to serve refreshments please sign down on the board in the hall.

To Visitors/Holiday Makers: If you would like to 'Gift Aid' your giving there are some **blue or white** 'Gift Aid' envelopes on the table at the back of the church.

Parish Handbook 2018 – a completely revised and updated edition has been published and is now available. Do take a copy. It is hoped parishioners will find this a useful resource. It is free. However, an offering to offset printing costs would be very welcome and will go towards parish funds.

Available:-

Catholic Herald £2.50

Catholic South West for February 50p

CTS booklets available from the rack

Selection of cards/Books in the carousel

N.B. Due to poor sales take-up and postal delays, from March the **Catholic Herald** will no longer be available for sale at Holy Cross. Please contact the Catholic Herald if you want to order their publication and have it posted direct to your address.

www.catholicherald.co.uk

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

The AGM of the Martha Group will take place on **Tuesday next, 6th February 2018 at approximately 10.30am** after the coffee morning at 10.00am. We would welcome any ladies from the parish who would like to join us. For further details please ring 852636

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Brendan Bold. His Requiem Mass will be held at 2.00pm on Friday 9th February at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Alfred Street, Rainford, St Helens, Merseyside, WA11 8BY. If anyone wishes to convey condolences to the family please do so to: Alan & Judith Whittaker, 8 Thickwood Moss Lane, Rainford, St Helens, WA11 8QL.

The SVP will meet on Tuesday 13th Feb after Mass.

Formation Days for Catechists: - calling all catechists and "would be" catechists who help pass on the faith in any way by involvement in Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage Preparation programmes or Children's Liturgy. A four-part course is being offered, free of charge, to help you grow in your knowledge of the faith and a sense of personal calling. Content will include Teaching to Pray, Liturgical Life, Preparing the Faith and Life in Christ. The following dates and venues are available: **St. Peter's Parish Room, Crownhill, Plymouth (PL5 3AX) 10.30am-1pm** - Saturdays, May 5th, Oct 6th 2018 and Jan 19th 2019

CAFOD Family Fast Day on Friday 23rd February is an opportunity to support those who don't have enough to eat by giving up a meal in solidarity with them and donating what you have saved.

This Lent your donation will make double the difference as the UK Government will also donate a pound for every pound you give up to a total of £5 million

Fast Day envelopes will be given out Sunday 18th February

Fran Blackmore

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage Collection 11th February. As you know, each year our Diocese makes a pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Diocese aims to subsidise some of our pilgrims, and especially those who are sick and who have difficulty paying to go to Lourdes on this pilgrimage. It also helps to subsidise our youth pilgrims whose ministry on the pilgrimage is so invaluable. So the Diocese is seeking to raise funds in support of these pilgrims and a collection will take place on Sunday 11th February. Your contribution will help make it possible for those would-be pilgrims to go to Lourdes who would otherwise not be able to go because of financial hardship.

Department of Education Consultation on “Changes to the teaching of Sex and Relationship Education & PSHE.” The rationale is to introduce the idea of diversity of relationships at an early age. The Government has launched a consultation on what should be taught in these new compulsory subjects. All concerned citizens, and especially parents, grandparents and those working professionally in schools are encouraged to take part in this consultation which closes at 11:45pm on Monday, 12th Feb 2018. To make your submission go to www.education.gov.uk/consultations An SPUC message of concern can viewed in full at the back of the church or online under this week’s newsletter with details of how to respond to the consultation proposals.

Retreats in the Diocese of Plymouth 2018. Please see the Poster on the notice board at the back of the Church for details & Booking Forms are also available. The Lenten Quiet Day on the 3rd March is a popular event so if you are interested in this please book early to avoid disappointment of being turned down, as happened last year to a number of people. As well as the Advertised Programme it is possible to arrange retreats for one or two people at other times of the year. For Booking and any general information please contact: The Presbytery, 19 Fosse Road, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1NG. Telephone 01548 852670. E Mail: mjbutler6@yahoo.com or adriantoffolo@yahoo.co.uk.

Vacancy - Caritas Development Officer (part time)

The Catholic Diocese of Plymouth covers the counties of Dorset, Devon and Cornwall and is looking to appoint a Caritas Development Officer (CDO) whose role will be to help establish a Caritas Plymouth over the next two years.

Caritas Development Officer (part time) – 1 post
Location: St. Boniface House, Ashburton, Newton Abbot TQ13 7JL Hours: 10 hours per week Salary: £10,000 per annum (FTE £35,000) 1 Year Fixed Term Contract – renewable for a further year on successful completion of Year 1 objectives.

Copies of the job description and person specification are obtainable from Jan Holton on 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. The last date for applications is **Wednesday 7th February 2018.** Interviews will be held on Friday 23 February at St. Boniface House, Ashburton. Please see full advert details on the Noticeboard at the back of Church or below this newsletter.

Notices

SVP: We are pleased to announce that following the recent appeal for money and new members we now have two further members to our conference. The new members are Patrick Grimley and Maeve Guly. The members of the conference now are Tom Savage (President), Michael Boon (Treasurer), Michael Prout (Secretary), Patrick Grimley and Maeve Guly. Please contact any of us if you would like a visit, know someone who would appreciate a visit or if you might like to join our conference.
Michael Prout

Details of the **Readings for each Sunday** are now shown on the online edition of the newsletter for those who wish to read them.

New to the Parish? If you have not done so, it would be really helpful you could please fill in the form at the back of the church giving your name & details for Parish records? Thank you.

The Collection last Sunday:

Loose plate £191.71

Gift aided £300.00

Thank you

Mass Intentions: If you wish to request a Mass Intention you will find on the table, at the back of the Church, Mass intention slips and envelopes. When you have given brief details, please place the slip, and your offering, in the envelope and hand it to me, leave it in the sacristy or put it through the Presbytery letter box. Mass intention cards are also available in the Carousel at the back of Church.
Fr Louis

The Bonus Ball winner on Saturday 27th January ball number 16 was drawn in the National Lottery. As this had been unallocated in our weekly Draw the full £46 goes to Church Funds as agreed when the Bonus Ball was set up in 1997. There were 46 subscribers that night.

The Pope’s Intentions for February:

‘Universal: Say “No” to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption

Parish Secretary, Ann Ruth - Office Hours this week:

Tues 16:00-17:00 Wed 16:00-17:00 Thurs 16:00-17:00; Fri: 09:00-16:30

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(All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please)

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Department of Education Consultation on “Changes to the teaching of Sex and

Relationship Education & PSHE”

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 made Relationship Education a compulsory School subject in all primary schools and Relationships and Sex education a compulsory subject in all secondary schools. The rationale is to introduce the idea of diversity of relationships at an early age. The Government has launched a consultation on what should be taught in these new compulsory subjects. The government has stated that the subject will be LGBT inclusive. Children will be taught that same sex relationships are as valid as marriage between a man and a woman. There will be scope to introduce gender issues, with children encouraged to question their gender and the very idea of there being two distinct sexes. Sex Education is an ideological battle. All concerned citizens, and especially parents, grandparents and those working professionally in schools are encouraged to take part in this consultation which closes at 11:45pm on Monday, 12th Feb 2018. To make your submission go to www.education.gov.uk/consultations; or email PSHE-RSE.consultation@education.gov.uk or by post to: RSE and PSHE Team, Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, 2nd Floor, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT. **SPUC have provided a guidance briefing to answer the seven consultation questions at: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/safe-at-school/respond-to-sex-education-consultation>. A copy can also be emailed by contacting chrishud78@talktalk.net.** Christine Hudson SPUC Regional Chair.



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The CDO will work to establish Caritas Plymouth in order to further the response of diocese, parishes and individuals to the particular needs we encounter. Caritas Plymouth would seek to support existing organisations and projects in the area of social care and justice, as well as promoting Catholic Social Teaching and encouraging new initiatives. Caritas Plymouth would seek to foster a spirit of belonging and identity as the church in this area seeks to play its part in responding to the needs of God’s people. The Diocese is working under the guidance of the Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN) in order to set up Caritas Plymouth.

In order to perform the job effectively the post holder will need to demonstrate the ability to relate to people in a sensitive and appropriate manner, project management, organisational and prioritisation skills in order meet deadlines and the ability to manage relationships with multiple stakeholders. The post holder will also require good basic IT user skills in Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook together with excellent communication and presentation skills.

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